

Here are some **Great Ways to buy U.S. Savings Bonds:**

- **Payroll Savings Plan** - Save money effortlessly with every paycheck. Sign up where you work and make saving easy.
- **One-Time Purchase** - Savings Bonds can also be purchased on a one-time only basis. Bonds make excellent gifts for friends, relatives, birthdays, graduations, or holiday celebrations.
- **Employee Recognition Awards** - Savings Bonds can be given as Employee Recognition Awards for employees who have made valuable contributions to the department or as recognition for "years of service."
- **Retiree Savings Bonds** - County retirees can continue to purchase Savings Bonds through payroll deduction. Refer retiring employees to their LACERA representative at 1-800-786-6464.

For more information on Savings Bonds, or to purchase your one-time only gift savings bonds, contact your Departmental Savings Bonds Coordinator or call the Office of Workplace Programs and Marketing, CAO, at (213) 974-2523.

<http://cao.co.la.ca.us/workplace/savingsbonds.htm>



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ere are some great reasons to think about purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds:

Competitive - U.S. Savings Bonds earn competitive rates of return compared to other forms of saving. Interest on Savings Bonds accrues monthly and compounds semiannually.

Safe - Savings Bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. The Treasury will replace Savings Bonds if they're lost, damaged, or stolen.

Affordable - For as little as \$12.50, you can start purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds. You can purchase as much as \$30,000 worth of Series EE Bonds and I Bonds each year.

Tax Benefits - Interest earned on Savings Bonds is exempt from state and local income taxes. Federal income taxes are deferred until the bonds reach maturity, or you redeem them, whichever is first. Using Savings Bonds to pay for qualified higher education expenses may allow you to exclude interest earned from federal income taxes as well.*

I Bonds



- Sold at face value.
(Pay \$50 for a \$50 bond.)
- Offer a real rate of return over and above inflation for the life of the bond.
- Buy as much as \$30,000 per year.
- New rates announced each May 1st and November 1st. This inflation adjustment ensures that your savings earn money over and above inflation.
- Earn interest for up to 30 years.
- Can be redeemed anytime after twelve months.**
- Exempt from state and local income taxes.
- Backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.
- Available in the following denominations:
\$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 \$500
\$1,000 \$5,000 \$10,000

*See IRS Publication 550 for details

**If redeemed before 5 years, there is a 3-month loss of interest

Series EE Bonds



- Sold at half their face value.
(Pay \$25 for a \$50 bond.)
- Earn rates based on five-year Treasury securities.
- Buy as much as \$30,000 per year.
- New rates announced each May 1st and November 1st. This rate adjustment ensures that your savings always track the Treasury market.
- Earn interest for up to 30 years.
- Can be redeemed anytime after twelve months.**
- Exempt from state and local income taxes.
- Backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.
- Available in the following denominations:
\$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 \$1,000

How to purchase:

- Payroll Deduction
- One-Time Purchase

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